WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information, which identifies or authenticates an individual
- 3 using biometrics information, comprising:
- 4 a biometrics information inputting section having a
- 5 function to acquire biometrics information;
- 6 a biometrics information converting section for
- 7 converting said biometrics information, acquired through said
- 8 biometrics information inputting section, into a state to be
- 9 acquired on a predetermined acquisition condition; and
- 10 a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for
- 11 extracting biometrics characteristic data from the biometrics
- 12 information obtained by the conversion in said biometrics
- 13 information converting section.
- 1 2. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information according to claim 1, wherein said biometrics
- 3 information inputting section is of a type acquiring said
- 4 biometrics information as image data, and said biometrics
- 5 information converting section converts said biometrics
- 6 information, acquired through said biometrics information
- 7 inputting section, into image data with a predetermined
- 8 resolution included in said predetermined acquisition
- 9 condition.
- 1 3. A personal authentication system using biometrics

- 2 information according to claim 1, wherein said biometrics
- 3 information inputting section is of a type acquiring said
- 4 biometrics information as image data, and said biometrics
- 5 information converting section converts said biometrics
- 6 information, acquired through said biometrics information
- 7 inputting section, into image data with a predetermined
- 8 resolution and predetermined numbers of pixels in vertical and
- 9 horizontal directions, included in said predetermined
- 10 acquisition condition.
- 1 4. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information according to claim 1, wherein said biometrics
- 3 information inputting section is of a type acquiring said
- 4 biometrics information as image data, and said biometrics
- 5 information converting section converts said biometrics
- 6 information, acquired through said biometrics information
- 7 inputting section, into image data with a predetermined image
- 8 characteristic included in said predetermined acquisition
- 9 condition.
- 1 5. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information according to claim 1, wherein said biometrics
- 3 information inputting section is of a type acquiring said
- 4 biometrics information as time series data, and said biometrics
- 5 information converting section converts said biometrics
- 6 information, acquired through said biometrics information
- 7 inputting section, into time series data with a predetermined

- 8 sampling period included in said predetermined acquisition
- 9 condition.
- 1 6. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information according to claim 1, wherein said biometrics
- 3 information inputting section is of a type acquiring
- 4 fingerprint information as said biometrics information in the
- 5 form of image data, and said biometrics information converting
- 6 section converts said fingerprint information, acquired
- 7 through said biometrics information inputting section, into
- 8 image data with a predetermined relationship in brightness
- 9 between ridge lines and trough lines, included in said
- 10 predetermined acquisition condition.
- 1 7. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information according to claim 6, wherein a brightness
- 3 relationship judging section is provided to judge a
- 4 relationship in brightness between ridge lines and trough lines
- 5 in said fingerprint information acquired through said
- 6 biometrics information inputting section, and said biometrics
- 7 information converting section conducts conversion processing
- 8 of image data in accordance with the judgment of the brightness
- 9 relationship judging section.
- 1 8. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information, which identifies or authenticates an individual
- 3 using biometrics information, comprising:

- 4 a biometrics information inputting section having a
- 5 function to acquire biometrics information;
- 6 a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for
- 7 extracting biometrics characteristic data from the biometrics
- 8 information acquired through said biometrics information
- 9 inputting section;
- 10 an acquisition condition attaching section for
- 11 attaching, to said biometrics information to be inputted from
- 12 said biometrics information inputting section to said
- 13 biometrics characteristic data extracting section, an
- 14 acquisition condition related to said biometrics information;
- 15 and
- 16 a biometrics information converting section for, before
- 17 the extraction of said biometrics characteristic data from said
- 18 biometrics information in said biometrics characteristic data
- 19 extracting section, converting said biometrics information
- 20 into a state to be acquired on a predetermined acquisition
- 21 condition, in accordance with said acquisition condition
- 22 attached to said biometrics information.
 - 1 9. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information according to claim 8, wherein said biometrics
- 3 information inputting section is of a type acquiring said
- 4 biometrics information as image data, and said acquisition
- 5 condition attaching section attaches a resolution as said
- 6 acquisition condition to said biometrics information, and said
- 7 biometrics information converting section converts said

- 8 biometrics information into image data with a predetermined
- 9 resolution on the basis of said resolution attached to said
- 10 biometrics information.
- 1 10. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information according to claim 8, wherein said biometrics
- 3 information inputting section is of a type acquiring said
- 4 biometrics information as image data, and said acquisition
- 5 condition attaching section attaches a resolution and the
- 6 numbers of pixels in vertical and horizontal directions, as
- 7 said acquisition condition, to said biometrics information,
- 8 and said biometrics information converting section converts
- 9 said biometrics information into image data with a
- 10 predetermined resolution and predetermined numbers of pixels
- 11 in vertical and horizontal directions, on the basis of the
- 12 resolution and the numbers of pixels in vertical and horizontal
- 13 directions attached to said biometrics information.
- 1 11. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information according to claim 8, wherein said biometrics
- 3 information inputting section is of a type acquiring said
- 4 biometrics information as time series data, and said
- 5 acquisition condition attaching section attaches a sampling
- 6 period as said acquisition condition to said biometrics
- 7 information, and said biometrics information converting
- 8 section converts said biometrics information into time series
- 9 data with a predetermined sampling period, on the basis of said

- 10 sampling period attached to said biometrics information.
- 1 12. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information according to claim 8, wherein said biometrics
- 3 information inputting section is of a type acquiring
- 4 fingerprint information as said biometrics information in the
- 5 form of image data, and said acquisition condition attaching
- 6 section attaches, to said fingerprint information as said
- 7 acquisition condition, a relationship in brightness between
- 8 ridge lines and trough lines in said fingerprint information,
- 9 and said biometrics information converting section converts
- 10 said fingerprint information into image data with a
- 11 predetermined brightness relationship, on the basis of said
- 12 brightness relationship attached to said fingerprint
- 13 information.
- 1 13. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information, which identifies or authenticates an individual
- 3 using biometrics information, comprising:
- 4 a biometrics information inputting section having a
- 5 function to acquire biometrics information;
- a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for
- 7 extracting biometrics characteristic data from said
- 8 biometrics information acquired through said biometrics
- 9 information inputting section;
- 10 a biometrics characteristic data registering section
- 11 for previously preserving registration biometrics

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a biometrics characteristic data verifying section for verifying that verification biometrics characteristic data on a person forming a subject of verification, obtained through said biometrics information inputting section and said biometrics characteristic data extracting section, matches said registration biometrics characteristic data on the same verification person registered and preserved previously in said biometrics characteristic data registering section;

an acquisition condition attaching section for attaching, to biometrics characteristic data to be inputted from said biometrics characteristic data extracting section to said biometrics characteristic data registering section or said biometrics characteristic data verifying section, an acquisition condition related to the biometrics information being an extraction source of said biometrics characteristic data; and

29 a biometrics characteristic data converting section for, 30 before the verifying that said verification biometrics characteristic data matches said registration biometrics 31 characteristic data in said biometrics characteristic data 32 33 verifying section, converting at least one of said verification biometrics characteristic data 34 and said registration biometrics characteristic data in accordance with said 35 said verification acquisition condition attached to 36 said registration biometrics characteristic data and **37**. 38 biometrics characteristic data to convert said verification

- 39 biometrics characteristic data and said registration
- 40 biometrics characteristic data into data to be obtained on the
- 41 same acquisition condition.
- 1 14. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information, which identifies or authenticates an individual
- 3 using biometrics information, comprising:
- 4 a biometrics information inputting section having a
- 5 function to acquire biometrics information;
- a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for
- 7 extracting biometrics characteristic data from said
- 8 biometrics information acquired through said biometrics
- 9 information inputting section;
- 10 a biometrics characteristic data registering section
- 11 for previously preserving registration biometrics
- 12 characteristic data extracted from biometrics information;
- a biometrics characteristic data verifying section for
- 14 verifying that verification biometrics characteristic data on
- 15 a person forming a subject of verification, obtained through
- 16 said biometrics information inputting section and said
- 17 biometrics characteristic data extracting section, matches
- 18 said registration biometrics characteristic data on the same
- 19 verification person registered and preserved previously in
- 20 said biometrics characteristic data registering section;
- 21 a verification mode version attaching section for
- 22 attaching, to biometrics characteristic data to be inputted
- 23 from said biometrics characteristic data extracting section

24 to said biometrics characteristic data registering section or

25 said biometrics characteristic data verifying section, a

26 version of verification mode related to said biometrics

27 characteristic data; and

a biometrics characteristic data converting section for,

29 before verifying that said verification biometrics

30 characteristic data matches said registration biometrics

characteristic data in said biometrics characteristic data

32 verifying section, converting at least one of said verification

33 biometrics characteristic data and said registration

34 biometrics characteristic data on the basis of said

35 verification mode version attached to said verification

36 biometrics characteristic data and said registration

37 characteristic data to convert said verification biometrics

38 characteristic data and said registration biometrics

39 characteristic data into data corresponding to the same

40 verification mode version.

1 15. A personal authentication system using biometrics

2 information, which identifies or authenticates an individual

3 using biometrics information, comprising:

4 a biometrics information inputting section having a

5 function to acquire biometrics information;

a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for

7 extracting biometrics characteristic data from said

8 biometrics information acquired through said biometrics

9 information inputting section;

10 a biometrics characteristic data registering section previously preserving 11 for registration biometrics 12 characteristic data extracted from biometrics information; 13 a biometrics characteristic data verifying section for 14 verifying that verification biometrics characteristic data on a person forming a subject of verification, obtained through 15 said biometrics information inputting section and said 16 17 biometrics characteristic data extracting section, matches said registration biometrics characteristic data on the same 18 19 verification person registered and preserved previously in 20 said biometrics characteristic data registering section; and 21 a biometrics characteristic data converting section for, when a change of verification mode in said biometrics 22 23 characteristic data verifying section takes place, converting collectively all registration biometrics characteristic data, 24 25 registered in said biometrics characteristic data registering 26 section, into biometrics characteristic data corresponding to the verification mode after the change. 27

- 1 16. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information, which identifies or authenticates an individual
- 3 using biometrics information, comprising:
- a biometrics information inputting section having a
- 5 function to acquire biometrics information;
- 6 a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for
- 7 extracting biometrics characteristic data from said
- 8 biometrics information acquired through said biometrics

- 9 information inputting section;
- 10 a biometrics characteristic data registering section
- 11 for previously preserving auxiliary biometrics characteristic
- 12 data besides biometrics characteristic data essential to the
- 13 identification and authentication as registration biometrics
- 14 characteristic data extracted from biometrics information;
- 15 and
- 16 a biometrics characteristic data restructuring section
- 17 for, when a change of kind of said biometrics characteristic
- 18 data to be used for the identification and authentication takes
- 19 place, restructuring new registration biometrics
- 20 characteristic data according to the change through the use
- 21 of the essential biometrics characteristic data and said
- 22 auxiliary biometrics characteristic data.
- 1 17. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information, which identifies or authenticates an individual
- 3 using biometrics information, comprising:
- 4 a biometrics information inputting section having a
- 5 function to acquire biometrics information;
- 6 a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for
- 7 extracting biometrics characteristic data from said
- 8 biometrics information acquired through said biometrics
- 9 information inputting section;
- 10 a biometrics characteristic data registering section
- 11 for previously preserving registration biometrics
- 12 characteristic data extracted from said biometrics

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13 information and said biometrics information being an

14 extraction source of said registration biometrics

15. characteristic data; and

a biometrics characteristic data restructuring section

17 for, when a change of kind of the biometrics characteristic

18 data to be used for the identification and authentication takes

19 place, extracting and restructuring new registration

20 biometrics characteristic data from said biometrics

21 information being the extraction source of said registration

22 biometrics characteristic data according to the change.

1 18. A personal authentication system using biometrics

2 information according to claim 16, further comprising:

3 a biometrics characteristic data verifying section made

to handle a plurality of verification modes, for verifying that

verification biometrics characteristic data on a person

6 forming a subject of verification, obtained through said

biometrics information inputting section and said biometrics

8 characteristic data extracting section, matches registration

9 biometrics characteristic data on the same subject person,

10 previously registered and preserved in said biometrics

11 characteristic data registering section; and

12 a verification mode version attaching section for

13 attaching, to biometrics characteristic data to be inputted

14 from said biometrics characteristic data extracting section

15 to said biometrics characteristic data registering section or

16 said biometrics characteristic data verifying section, a

said biometrics verification mode version related to 17 characteristic data, 18

when verification mode versions respectively attached 19 to said verification biometrics characteristic data and the 20 registration biometrics characteristic data between which 21 verification is made in said biometrics characteristic data 22 verifying section does not agree with each other, said 23 section restructuring data biometrics characteristic 24 biometrics verification said restructuring one of 25 biometrics registration said characteristic data and 26 characteristic data into biometrics characteristic data 27 needed for a verification mode corresponding to 28 biometrics the other verification mode version for 29 characteristic data. 30

- A personal authentication system using biometrics 1
- information according to claim 17, further comprising: 2
- a biometrics characteristic data verifying section made 3
- to handle a plurality of verifying modes, for verifying that
- 4 verification biometrics characteristic data on a person 5
- forming a subject of verification, obtained through said 6
- biometrics information inputting section and said biometrics 7
- characteristic data extracting section, matches registration 8
- biometrics characteristic data on the same subject person, 9
- previously registered and preserved in said biometrics 10
- characteristic data registering section; and 11
- a verification mode version attaching section for 12

13 attaching, to biometrics characteristic data to be inputted

14 from said biometrics characteristic data extracting section

15 to said biometrics characteristic data registering section or

16 said biometrics characteristic data verifying section, a

17 verification mode version related to said biometrics

18 characteristic data,

19 when verification mode versions respectively attached to said verification biometrics characteristic data and the 20 21 registration biometrics characteristic data between which 22 verification is made in said biometrics characteristic data 23 verifying section does not agree with each other, said 24 biometrics characteristic data restructuring section 25 said restructuring one of verification biometrics 26 characteristic data and said registration biometrics 27 characteristic data into biometrics characteristic data needed for a verification mode corresponding to 28 29 verification mode version for the other biometrics

- 1 20. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information, which identifies or authenticates an individual
- 3 using biometrics information, comprising:
- 4 a verification mode version attaching section for
- 5 attaching a verification mode version to biometrics
- 6 characteristic data extracted from said biometrics
- 7 information; and

characteristic data.

8 a biometrics characteristic data verifying section for

- 9 performing verification processing using said biometrics
- 10 characteristic data in a verification mode corresponding to
- 11 said verification mode version attached to said biometrics
- 12 characteristic data.
- 1 21. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information, which identifies or authenticates an individual
- 3 using biometrics information, comprising:
- 4 a biometrics information inputting section having a
- 5 function to acquire biometrics information;
- 6 a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for
- 7 extracting biometrics characteristic data, to be needed in a
- 8 plurality of verification modes, from biometrics information
- 9 acquired through said biometrics information inputting
- 10 section;
- 11 a biometrics characteristic data registering section
- 12 for previously preserving registration biometrics
- 13 characteristic data extracted from biometrics information;
- 14 a biometrics characteristic data verifying section made
- 15 to handle a plurality of verification modes, for verifying that
- 16 verification biometrics characteristic data on a person
- 17 forming a subject of verification, obtained through said
- 18 biometrics information inputting section and said biometrics
- 19 characteristic data extracting section, matches registration
- 20 biometrics characteristic data on the same subject person,
- 21 previously preserved in said biometrics characteristic data
- 22 registering section; and

a verification mode version attaching section for attaching, to registration biometrics characteristic data to be inputted from said biometrics characteristic data extracting section to said biometrics characteristic data registering section, a verification mode version related to said registration biometrics characteristic data,

29 wherein said biometrics characteristic data extracting 30 section extracts, as said verification biometrics 31 characteristic data, biometrics characteristic data to be 32 needed in a verification mode corresponding to the verification 33 mode version attached to said registration biometrics 34 characteristic data, from the biometrics information acquired 35 through said biometrics information inputting section.

1 22. A personal authentication system using biometrics 2 information according to claim 21, wherein said biometrics 3 characteristic data verifying section verifies that said 4 registration biometrics characteristic data matches said verification biometrics characteristic data extracted by said 5 6 biometrics characteristic data extracting section, and when a verification result of said biometrics characteristic data 7 8 verifying section shows a matching rate equal to or larger than 9 a predetermined value and said verification mode version is 10 older predetermined version, than said biometrics 11 characteristic data extracting section extracts biometrics characteristic data for the latest verification mode from said 12 13 biometrics information so that the extracted biometrics

- 14 characteristic data is re-registered as new registration
- 15 biometrics characteristic data in said biometrics
- 16 characteristic data registering section.
- 1 23. A personal authentication system using biometrics
- 2 information, which identifies or authenticates an individual
- 3 using biometrics information, comprising:
- 4 a biometrics information inputting section having a
- 5 function to acquire biometrics information;
- 6 a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for
- 7 extracting biometrics characteristic data from biometrics
- 8 information acquired through said biometrics information
- 9 inputting section;
- 10 a biometrics characteristic data registering section
- 11 for previously preserving registration biometrics
- 12 characteristic data extracted from biometrics information,
- 13 a biometrics characteristic data verifying section made
- 14 to handle a plurality of verification modes, for verifying that
- 15 verification biometrics characteristic data on a person
- 16 forming a subject of verification, obtained through said
- 17 biometrics information inputting section and said biometrics
- 18 characteristic data extracting section, matches registration
- 19 biometrics characteristic data on the same subject person,
- 20 previously registered and preserved in said biometrics
- 21 characteristic data registering section; and
- 22 a verification mode version attaching section for
- 23 attaching, to biometrics characteristic data to be inputted

- 24 from said biometrics characteristic data extracting section
- 25 to said biometrics characteristic data registering section and
- 26 said biometrics characteristic data verifying section, a
- 27 verification mode version related to said biometrics
- 28 characteristic data,
- 29 wherein said biometrics characteristic data extracting
- 30 section extracts separately dependence data depending on a
- 31 verification mode and common data to be used in common among
- 32 all verification modes without depending on a verification
- 33 mode,
- 34 while, when the verification mode version attached to
- 35 said verification biometrics characteristic data does not
- 36 match the verification mode version attached to said
- 37 registration biometrics characteristic data, said biometrics
- 38 characteristic data verifying section conducts the
- 39 verification using said common data in said verification
- 40 biometrics characteristic data and said registration
- 41 biometrics characteristic data.
- 1 24. A client-server type personal authentication system in
- 2 which a client side extracts verification biometrics
- 3 characteristic data from biometrics information on an
- 4 individual while a server side performs biometrics
- 5 characteristic data for identification and authentication of
- 6 said individual,
- 7 said client side comprising:
- 8 a biometrics information inputting section having a

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9 function to acquire biometrics information;

a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for extracting biometrics characteristic data, to be needed in a plurality of verification modes, from biometrics information acquired through said biometrics information inputting section; and

a verification mode version attaching section for attaching, to registration biometrics characteristic data to be sent from said biometrics characteristic data extracting section to said server side, a verification mode version related to said registration biometrics characteristic data,

while said server side comprising:

a biometrics characteristic data registering section for previously preserving said registration biometrics characteristic data from said client side together with said verification mode version; and

a biometrics characteristic data verifying section made to handle a plurality of verification modes, for verifying that verification biometrics characteristic data on a person forming a subject of verification from said client side matches registration biometrics characteristic data on the same subject person previously preserved in said biometrics characteristic data registering section,

wherein said verification mode version attached to said registration biometrics characteristic data is communicated from said server side to said biometrics characteristic data extracting section on said client side, and said biometrics

- 36 characteristic data extracting section extracts biometrics
- 37 characteristic data, to be needed in a verification mode
- 38 corresponding to said verification mode version communicated
- 39 from said server side, as said verification biometrics
- 40 characteristic data from biometrics information acquired
- 41 through said biometrics information inputting section.
 - 1 25. A client-server type personal authentication system in
- 2 which a client side extracts verification biometrics
- 3 characteristic data from biometrics information on ar
- 4 individual while a server side verifies biometrics
- 5 characteristic data for identification and authentication of
- 6 the individual,
- 7 said client side comprising:
- 8 a biometrics information inputting section having a
- 9 function to acquire biometrics information;
- 10 a biometrics characteristic data extracting section for
- 11 extracting biometrics characteristic data from biometrics
- 12 information acquired through said biometrics information
- 13 inputting section; and
- 14 an acquisition condition attaching section for
- 15 attaching, to registration biometrics characteristic data to
- 16 be sent from said biometrics characteristic data extracting
- 17 section to said server side, an acquisition condition related
- 18 to said registration biometrics characteristic data in said
- 19 biometrics information inputting section,
- 20 while said server side comprising:

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a biometrics characteristic data registering section for previously preserving said registration biometrics characteristic data from said client side together with said acquisition condition; and

a biometrics characteristic data verifying section for verifying that verification biometrics characteristic data on a person forming a subject of verification from said client side matches registration biometrics characteristic data on the same subject person previously preserved in said biometrics characteristic data registering section,

wherein said acquisition condition attached to said registration biometrics characteristic data is communicated from said server side to said biometrics characteristic data extracting section on said client side, and said biometrics characteristic data extracting section extracts biometrics characteristic data extracting section extracts biometrics characteristic data under said acquisition condition communicated from the server side, as said verification biometrics characteristic data from biometrics information acquired through said biometrics information inputting section.